

Luisa Espinoza

Testimony

Good afternoon Montgomery County Council.

My name is Luisa Espinoza, I live in Germantown and I am from Venezuela.

I am requesting to create a program to help find jobs for undocumented students who have graduated from local colleges.

I am an immigrant, and like any other immigrant I came to this country seeking a better life. In order to get a better life, we need to work. When I arrived to this county, I was undocumented so I was unable to find a job.

For about a year and a half I had to seek help with friends and different organization. I was in a very precarious situation.

Fortunately, the government approved the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for Venezuelan and I was able to obtain the legal documents to work in this county.

However, not everybody is so lucky. There are many immigrants that remain undocumented for years. Many young people that graduate from College here in the States, have a hard time finding jobs because of their legal status.

It concerns me to see how many of our children are able to go to college but cannot find a job because of their legal status.

I am testifying about this issue in behalf of my daughter and all the students that experience the same situation. I want them to have the same future as the citizens that grew up in this county.

It would be very beneficial if the County has a program to help all those students that have graduated from County colleges.

This is my testimony and request.

Thank you.